



Hello Neighbors,

We are excited to announce the Astoria Parks Recreation and Community Foundation's 10th Annual Run on the River 5K, 10K and Half Marathon Sponsored by Buoy Beer will take place Saturday, May 13, 2023. Similar to the events in the past, our participants will be traveling along the entire Riverwalk and into some of the surrounding neighborhoods. You are receiving this letter because your business or residence is on, or near, the race course.

Half marathon walkers will be starting off at Buoy Beer Co. on 8th Street and heading West at 8:30am with runners to follow at 9:00am. The 10k will start at 10:00am and the 5k starts at 11:00am. The Buoy Beer Celebration and Lager Fest begins at Noon. That means there will be a steady stream of participants running or walking the Riverwalk until around Noon.

A map of the entire course is attached (<https://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/2370071584>). This year the race will start and finish at Buoy Beer Co. on 7th Street and span the entire Riverwalk. The 10k runners will turn around after running through the Millpond neighborhood, and half marathon racers will continue to Alderbrook, running into Violet LaPlante Park and back. They'll return to the Riverwalk and continue east to Alderbrook Lagoon. Again this year, runners will run up Ash and toward Tongue Point Job Corps via Old Hwy 30 where they'll turn around and head back to the finish. The City has granted lane closures on the roads associated with the course. The Riverwalk will be partially closed in some areas to pedestrian and vehicular traffic but overall will still be accessible to the public. Flaggers and volunteers will monitor traffic flow at critical intersections; Aid Stations, Aquafina, and restrooms will be set up along the course for the participants. Organizers expect the race portion of the event to be wrapped up by 12:30pm.

A large majority of our participants are coming to Astoria from out of town just for this race and your support helps make a lasting impression. Volunteers are crucial to this event - if you'd like to volunteer, sign up now at <https://runontheriver.page.link/volunteer> or come out and cheer our participants on as they run by! Join us at the after-race party at Buoy Beer for a celebration and help support APRCF.

Run on the River is a yearly fundraiser hosted by APRCF, sponsored by Buoy Beer Company and supported by local businesses. The intent is to raise money for scholarships for low-income individuals and families to utilize health and wellness programs provided by the Astoria Parks and Recreation Department. Proceeds from Run on the River contribute to scholarships for youth swimming lessons, family fitness memberships and team sports registrations. We thank you for your support.

This race sold out in the past and it's on target to do so again. If you'd like to run, register now to guarantee your spot. Clatsop County residents get \$10 off by using their zip code in the Discount Code field. Register at <https://runontheriver.page.link/ROTR>.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding the event or lane closures associated with it. You can contact our race coordinator by email at: runontheriver.astoria@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you on May 15!

Sincerely,
Kassia Nye, APRCF Chair
Jennifer Benoit, Race Director